(a) whether her Ministry has proposed for an additional 25,000 hotel rooms ahead of the 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) whether a task force has been constituted under the Ministry of Urban Development for setting up hotels in and around Delhi;

(c) whether there is a move to label the hotels, hospitals and services attached to the tourism industry in the capital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, the amounts to be spent and the time by which these rooms would be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Urban Development has informed that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), while formulating the draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021, has taken note of the additional requirement of hotel accommodation in Delhi in view of the Commonwealth Games 2010 and has also proposed development control norms for a hierarchy of Hotels, Guest Houses, Hostels/Bed and Breakfast Accommodation.

Development of Tourist Centres in Punjab and Chhattisgarh

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SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Punjab and Chhattisgarh identified by Government for the development of tourism centres during the current year; and

(b) the details of outlines drawn by Government for the development of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Identification of tourist places/spots is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the State Government identifies such places of tourist interest and based on project proposals from the States including the State of Punjab and Chhattisgarh, Ministry of Tourism offers financial assistance for development of their infrastructure. As on date no project proposal is pending with the Ministry of Tourism from Punjab and Chhattisgarh for Central financial assistance during 2005-06.

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